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"Mistakes happen, it's only human. When they do, we pick ourselves up, brush ourselves off and start all over again. The roll out of the Common Core was replete with mistakes. Mistakes in the modules, mistakes in relationship to teachers, and mistakes in presentation to parents. But none of that precludes Common Core teaching and it's attendant testing from being reinvented successfully. I hope that the Governor's Commission will consider the effect that this ill conceived rollout has had. No one can sensibly disagree with higher standards and the nation's needs to compete on a world scale. This could better be accomplished by getting the Common Core course work right, using materials that are age and ability appropriate, creating tests that reflect a student's abilities, and doing all of this BEFORE we link student test scores to teacher evaluations. You don't often get a do over in life; we have one here: let's not blow it."